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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 NATIONAL PRODUCTS, INC.,)

10 Plaintiff,)

11 v.)

12 ARKON RESOURCES, INC.,)

13 Defendant.)

No. C15-1553RSL

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION TO SEAL

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15 This matter comes before the Court on plaintiff's "Motion to Seal Documents Related to
16 its Reply in Support of its Motions in Limine." Dkt. # 117. Although plaintiff is the moving
17 party, it takes no position on the whether the documents designated as confidential by Arkon
18 should remain sealed. Arkon has not responded to this motion.

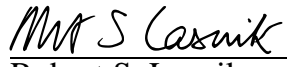
19 "There is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files," and the party who
20 designates a document as confidential must identify "the applicable legal standard and the
21 reasons for keeping a document." LCR 5(g). In its motion, National Products simply notes that
22 the documents were designated as confidential during discovery. Neither plaintiff nor Arkon has
23 attempted to justify the designation or the proposed seal. A party's unilateral designation of a
24 document as "confidential" does not, in and of itself, establish the necessary showing under LCR
25 5(g). In the absence of any discussion regarding the actual confidentiality of the information, the
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1 possible implications of public disclosure, and the public's interest in access to these records, the
2 Court will not assume that a seal is justified.
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4 For all of the foregoing reasons, the motion to seal (Dkt. # 117) is DENIED. The Clerk of
5 Court is directed to unseal Dkt. # 118.
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8 Dated this 11th day of May, 2017.

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10 Robert S. Lasnik
United States District Judge
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